

CLAIMS

Claims 1 - 7 have been cancelled.

8. An interlining having indeterminate longitudinal dimension and a width defined by first and second edges, the interlining having extensibility in the longitudinal dimension, wherein the longitudinal extensibility of the interlining varies from the first edge to the second edge, and a number of elastic threads running longitudinally and the variation in extensibility is achieved by reducing the elastic deniers progressively across the width.

9. An interlining having indeterminate longitudinal dimension and a width defined by first and second edges, the interlining having extensibility in the longitudinal dimension, wherein the longitudinal extensibility of the interlining varies from the first edge to the second edge, said interlining having different densities of longitudinal elastic threads across the width of the strip.

Claims 10-14 have been cancelled

15. A method of making a fabric composite capable of assuming a desired shape including the steps of forming an interlining fabric (10) containing elastic yarn (15) running longitudinally of the fabric, varying the density of yarn across the width of the interlining to control the longitudinal extensibility across the width, and attaching the interlining to a fabric backing material (12).

16. A method according to claim 15 including subjecting the fabric material to compressive shrinkage.

17. A method according to claim 15 including varying the density of yarns so that the extensibility of one edge of the composite is greater than the extensibility of the opposite edge.

18. A method according to claim 15 including varying the density of yarn so that the extensibility of at least edge region of the composite is greater than a central region of the composite.

19. A method according to claim 15 including selectively removing elastic yarns to provide variation of elasticity across the width.

20. A method according to claim 15 including using elastic yarns of different denier to provide variation of elasticity across the width.

21. A method according to claim 15 including shaping the fabric (10) by one of a subsequent tensioning, pressing and steaming operation.

22. A method according to claim 21 including simultaneously attaching the fabric composite to a garment while shaping the fabric.

23. A method of making a fabric composite capable of assuming a desired shape which includes the steps of attaching a first, relatively highly extensible, interlining (24) to a fabric backing material to form a composite, attaching a tape (30, 32, 38) of lower extensibility in an area of the composite to restrict extensibility in that area, and shaping the composite with one of pressure and tension to form the desired shape.

24. A method as claimed in claim 23 including using a tape (30) that is an elastic tape.

25. A method as claimed in claim 23 including using a tape (30, 32) that is a rigid tape.

26. A method as claimed in claim 23 including attaching the tape (30, 32) adjacent one edge (28) of the composite.

27. A method as claimed in claim 23 including attaching the tape (38) in the central region of the composite.

28. A method as claimed in claim 27 including forming the composite as part of a collar and attaching additional tapes (38) adjacent the lateral edges.